

Farm Facts and Fancies.

Editors Progressive Farmer:

The condition of tobacco planters in Alamance County has been unfortunate. The crop last year was a very late one and was much injured by the worms. The farming in this county is mostly done by share tenants.

The wheat crop was also a very short and inferior one. The tenants were compelled to sell their tobacco in order to buy seed wheat and oats. The tobacco buyers supposed, from the quantity rushed upon the market thus early in the season, that the crop was a large one, and the price paid for it was very small. Soon after Christmas the dealers in fertilizers began to send in their bills to those who had bought on time urging them to pay the first Monday in February. Then taxes had to be paid, a glut of the market followed, and again the prices went very low. During all this time the weather was very unfavorable for marketing tobacco. We have never seen the tobacco planters so much disheartened. Very few will plant a full crop. First, because the cost of production has fallen far below what it will bring on the market. Second, labor is very scarce, and the price of it is greater than the tobacco will bring, even at a good price.

I heard an experienced tobacco planter say recently that he was going to try cotton this year. I think this unwise, because our laborers are unskilled in the culture of cotton, and our season is two weeks shorter than that in Eastern North Carolina and South Carolina.

The communication of Mr. G. L. Allen in the issue of February 9th, cannot be improved upon or surpassed. It contains as much truth and information as I ever saw given in the same space. Our farmers would do well to heed the advice given by S. C. Adams and by John Graham.

Very little work has been done on

the farm this winter. The weather has been too severe for any one to work out of doors. The theory that snow is good for wheat, does not seem to hold good this winter.

From experience and observation, I do not think that a covering of snow benefits wheat or winter oats in this climate. While it covers the ground it renders the wheat tender. The thaws and freezes that follow seem to injure them more than they benefit them.

It is very difficult to get the farmers of our section to unite on anything.

We old farmers have been taxed for some time to educate the rising generation. Let our next Legislature pass a good compulsory school law, and take the money raised from taxes on the farmers and spend it for the education of the farmers' sons and daughters. And tax the manufacturers for the textile schools.

Respectfully,

B. F. WHITE.

Alamance Co., N. C.

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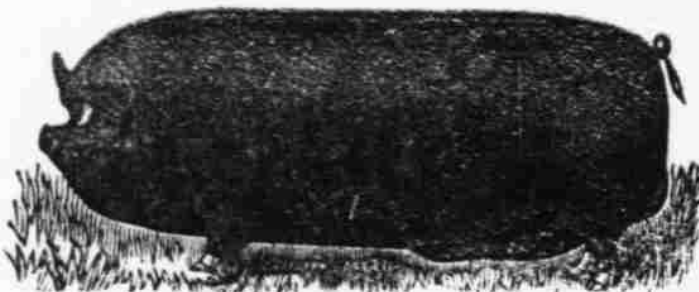
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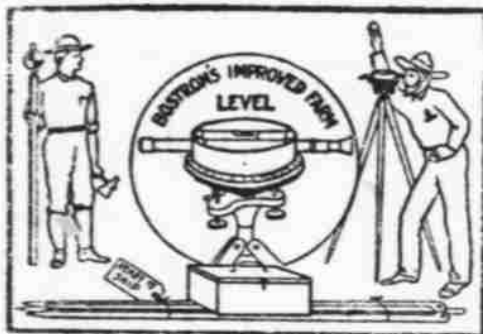
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